

State Bicycle Map Update Steering Committee Meeting January 19, 2007

The Third Steering Committee Meeting for the State Regional Bicycle Map updates was held at the NHDOT on January 19, 2007

Members present:

Tom Jameson – NHDOT Rail & Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian Section
Jerry Moore – NHDOT Rail & Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian Section
Dale Abbott - Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Nicolas Bosonetto – Southwest Regional Planning Commission
Craig Tufts – Central NH Regional Planning Commission
Nathan Miller - Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee RPC
Matthew Caron – Southern NH Planning Commission
Mary Deppe – North Country Council
Mike Izard – Lakes Region Planning Commission
David Preve – NHDOT Bureau of Traffic
Jennifer Codispoti – DRED, Trails Bureau

Members not present:

Lelia Mellen – National Park Service
David Bernier – NHDOT Bureau of Traffic
Jim Marshall – NHDOT Highway Design
Linda Harvey – Granite State Wheelmen
Greg Bakos – VHB/BWA-NH
Matt Waitkins – Nashua Regional Planning Commission
Scott Bogle – Rockingham Planning Commission
Dave Topham - Bike-Walk Alliance of NH
Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes (SABR)
DRED – Travel & Tourism

After introductions, the meeting began with a review of the bicycle map minutes from the December 15th meeting. The action items on the minutes were tabled until the February 16th meeting.

Tom Jameson went over the changes and additions that were incorporated into the new draft regional bicycle maps since the last meeting. Some of the noted changes and additions were the reduction of regional maps from eight to seven, to match the seven tourist region maps, the map scale variation due to the region sizes, the change in the number of community insets, coding for bike paths that are too short to be shown on the

maps or the insets, parks shading (dotted symbol in the background), and the data on the rear of the maps.

A 30-minute break followed where all committee members were given time to review the maps representing their areas of their expertise and make notes. As a result, the following items and suggestions were discussed:

1. Jennifer Codispoti, DRED –Trails: Show active/inactive rails and associated rail trails. Show the Berlin ATV Park/Campground for mountain bikers. Show the bicycle paths in State Parks. Show other areas of interest like Wildlife Management areas. Confirm park boundaries, i.e. Mt. Monadnock.
2. Mary Deppe, NCC: Show Rest Areas, Mountains over 4000', Bicycle Routes in other states. (Incorporate a reference to their state Bicycle Routes web sites).
3. Craig Tufts, CNHRPC: Locate Trail Heads for mountain bikers, correct Park n Ride locations, correct the legend where the layers are not present on the map. (Will be customizing each map legend based upon the incorporated layers), mark "Caution Areas".
4. Nathan Miller, UVLSRPC: Add Public Transit lines, display State Parks as to not take away from the relief layer. (See Lilia Mellon comments from Dec 15th meeting).
5. Nicholas Bosonetto, SWRPC: Highlight Village Centers (nice rides), create a "Scenic" bicycle loop in each of the regions, name the major mountains, do not clutter the map with too much data, i.e. adding Scenic Byways, create a link instead.
6. Dale Abbott, SRPC: Add Conservation areas, Rail lines and trails, have Bus Stop data available for my area.
7. Davis Preve, NHDOT Traffic: Map is getting too busy, focus on bicyclists, note high traffic volume areas, Bicycle Regions outside the featured regions should be lighter in tone. (80% transparent), and consider color blindness issues.
8. Mike Izard, LRPC: Show "Points of Interest", "Scenic Vistas", off road routes, other park lands, (Conservation Areas, Wildlife Management Areas), "Caution" on difficult routes, label more roads on insets, legends more comprehensive, label rail stations, create a numbering system for things like Trail Heads, State Park trails and reference on the back of the map, add "Water Taxi's" on Lake Winnepesaukee, and define "Family Friendly Routes".

Tom Jameson discussed the plan for the back of the maps with the following items to be included:

1. Safety Laws using a smaller area.
2. Tourist Region link
3. Weather link + Call “511”, remove weather statistics
4. State Park link
5. Transit link

Public Meetings:

Areas for the meeting:

Littleton
Keene
Portsmouth
Nashua
Hanover
Concord
Conway

Time: 1-½ hour meetings, February 23 – March 16
(RPC’s to coordinate dates)

Presentation material, (DOT to develop):

1. PowerPoint Presentation
2. Comment Sheets – provide to RPC’s before the meetings for distribution
3. 11 x 17 maps – provide to RPC’s before the meetings for distribution
4. Pdf draft maps to RPC’s to put on web’s
5. Large maps on foam board
6. Print “Terrain” map and “Route” map for presentation

DOT to send out public notices
DOT to chair the Public Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 16th. at the DOT, 9:00-11:00am

The meeting adjourned around 11:00 am.

Submitted by: Jerry Moore